Question No. 25 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th July, 1996 and state the basis for providing Central assistance to the flood-affected States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure in force from 1st April, 1995 on the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission, the State Governments have a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities including floods. The annual allocation in the CRF is fixed in accordance with the recommendation of the Tenth Finance Commission. 75% of the annual allocation is provided by the Central Government in four equal quarterly instalments. The balance 25% is contributed by the respective States.

Welfare of Rural and Urban Women

1470. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new schemes/programmes for the welfare of rural and urban women in the country under the minimum programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A provision of Rs. 10 crores for a scheme of giving assistance for State Women Development Corporation has been made in the Budget Estimates for 1996-97.

मालवा एक्सप्रेस का विलम्ब से चलना

1471. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मालवा एक्सप्रेस इन्दौर से जम्मू तवी तथा जम्मू तवी से इन्दौर तक बराबर नई दिल्ली चलती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि विगत में मालवा एक्सप्रेस इन्दौर और नई दिल्ली से बीच चलती थी तथा गत वर्ष इसे बढ़ा कर जम्मू तवी तक कर दिया गया;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि जब से मालवा एक्सप्रेस को जम्मू तवी तक बढ़ा दिया गया है, तब से वह आगमन और प्रस्थान के अपने निर्धारित समय से देर से चल रही है;

(घ) इस रेलगाड़ी के प्रतिदिन विलम्ब से प्रस्थान और आगमन के क्या कारण है; और

(ड़) इसके निर्धारित समय पर चलने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी हां।

(ख) इंदौर और नई दिल्ली के बीच पहले से चल रही 4667/4668 मालवा एक्सप्रेस को 1.7.1994 से जम्मू तवी तक बढ़ा दिया गया था।

(ग) और (घ) बहरहाल 4667/4668 मालवा एक्सप्रेस का समयपालन खतरे की जंजीर खींचने, शरारती गतिविधियों, दुर्घटनाओं, बंद/-आंदोलनों, रेल इंजन की खराबी आदि जैसे विभिन्न कारणों से संतोषजनक नहीं रहा है।

(ड़) विभिन्न स्तरों पर नियमित रूप से गहन जांच और दैनिक निगरानी सहित सभी संभव प्रयास किए जा रहे है। इसके अलावा, निरीक्षकीय और अधिकारी दोनों स्तरों पर समयपालन अभियान भी चलाये जा रहे हैं।

Opening of New Kendriya Vidyalayas

1472. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the near future; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, with the State-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The Governemnt have approved opening of 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas each year from the academic year 1993-94 to 1997-98 under Civil and Defence Sectors and as many as found suitable under Project Sector. A list of Kendriya Vidyalas sanctioned for 1996-97 is inclosed.

List of Kendriya Vidyalayas sanctioned for 1996-97

ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1. Along, Assam Rifles
	2. Kimin, Assam Rifles
ASSAM	3. Panbari, BSF
BIHAR	4. Saharsa
DELHI (NCT)	5. Vasant Kunj
	6. Paschim Vihar
HIMACHAL PRADESH	7. Nadaun
JAMMU & KASHMIR	8. Udhampur, AFS
MAHARASHTRA	9. Jalgaon, NM University
	10. Buldhana
	11. Mudkhed, CRPF, Distt. Nanded
ORISSA	12. Bargarh
	13. Bhawanipatna
RAJASTHAN	14. Dabla, BSF
	15. Sikar
	16. Sawai Madhopur
	17. Baran
TAMILNADU	18. Arkkonam, CISF
UTTAR PRADESH	19. Barabanki
	20. IIM Lucknow

Steps taken to improve India's performance in Olympics

1473. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any action programme in the last four years to improve our national performance in Atlanta Olympics and subsequent trans-national Meets;

(b) whether Government had reviewed the performance and assigned specific responsibility for the performance in the last Olympics; and

(c) whether Government have taken congnizance of the report of the Standing Committee on Human Resoruce Development on the status of Indian sports in International arena?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Yes. Sir.

Council for Rural Education

1474. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up a Council for rural education is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when, it is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The Government has set up a National Council of Rural Institutes w.e.f. October 19,